

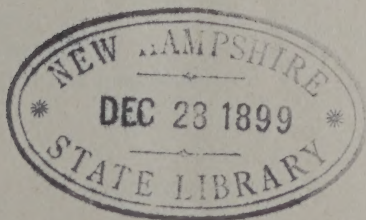




ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
GILSUM, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1884.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Gilsum submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 1, 1884 :

INVOICE OF TOWN, APRIL 1, 1883.

212 polls,	\$21,200 00
9,780 acres,	168,138 00
155 horses,	11,276 00
76 oxen,	5,379 00
165 cows,	5,209 00
94 neat,	2,512 00
523 sheep,	1,453 00
27 carriages,	1,926 00
12 hogs,	175 00
Stock in banks,	7,000 00
Stock in public funds,	2,700 00
Stock in trade,	41,010 00
Money at interest,	28,235 00
Factories, mills and machinery,	23,525 00
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	\$319,738 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following were the appropriations at the annual meeting in March, 1883, with assessments required by law :

For support of schools,	\$900 00
Town raised to defray town charges,	1 00
Town raised for support of highways and bridges,	200 00

Town raised for support of new cemetery,	\$23 50
Town raised for new road,	300 00
Town raised for land damages,	100 00
Town raised for engine house,	100 00
Percentage and fractions lost in making taxes,	35 75
Tax assessed on 38 dogs,	43 00
Non-resident highway taxes,	46 70
School house tax assessed in District No 1, with percentage added,	41 62
School house tax assessed in District No. 2, with percentage added,	25 58
School house tax assessed in District No. 4, with percentage added,	20 66
School house tax assessed in District No. 5, with percentage added,	65 27
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	\$1,903 08

Amount committed to S. L. Kingsbury, Collector.

Rate of taxation on \$100, \$0.52.

Town raised \$1,000.00 in labor to repair highways.

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1883.

Town raised for support of schools,	\$900 00
Literary money not expended in 1882,	11 52
Literary money in treasury, \$66.24, less 1-5, \$13.24,	53 00
Leaving \$13.24 of the literary money in the treasury, which may be expended by the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee for maps, charts, &c., for schools,	
Interest of school fund,	20 00
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	\$984 52

Equally by districts, \$450.00 ; by scholar, \$225.00 ; by valuation, \$309.52.

	No. of Scholars.	Reduced Valuation.	Equally by Districts.	By scholar.	By Valuation.	Total To Each District.
No. 1,	27	\$180 78	\$64 28	\$41 32	\$35 00	\$140 60
2	42	729 43	64 29	64 28	141 22	269 79
3	8	131 83	64 28	12 25	25 52	102 05
4	13	129 10	64 29	19 90	24 99	109 18
5	24	63 25	64 28	36 74	12 25	113 27
6	6	62 17	64 29	9 19	12 04	85 52
7	27	302 13	64 29	41 32	58 50	164 11
	147	\$1,598 69	\$450 00	\$225 00	\$309 52	\$984 52

ORDERS ISSUED FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid J. J. Isham, District No. 1,	\$140 60
Calvin Chandler and W. B. Adams, District No. 2,	269 79
W. A. Wilder, District No. 3,	102 05
George H. Carpenter, District No. 4,	109 18
Luther H. Guillow, District No. 5,	113 27
H. H. Carter, District No. 6,	85 52
L. R. Guillow, District No. 7,	164 11
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	\$984 52

Reported March 1st, 1883 :—

Due District No. 3, money not expended,	\$8 47
Paid W. A. Wilder, committee, District No. 3,	\$8 47
Due District No. 4,	2 60
Paid George H. Carpenter, committee,	2 60
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	\$11 07

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX, 1883.

Paid J. J. Isham, committee, District No. 1,	\$41 50
W. B. Adams, committee, District No. 2,	25 17

Paid George Wright, committee, District No. 4,	\$20 66
Luther H. Guillow, committee, District No. 5,	65 27
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	\$152 60

TOWN OFFICERS, ENDING MARCH. 1883.

Paid O. J. Willson, Selectman,	\$57 00
G. W. Newman, Selectman,	36 75
E. D. Banks, Selectman,	37 50
A. D. Hammond, Town Treasurer,	15 00
L. W. F. Mark, Town Clerk,	16 00
D. W. Bill, Supervisor,	3 50
L. R. Guillow, Supervisor,	12 00
J. J. Isham, Supervisor,	3 00
Daniel Wright, Supervisor,	2 25
George H. Carpenter, Supervisor,	6 00
F. A. Howard, Supt. Centennial Cemetery,	1 50
F. E. Johnson, Supt. School Committee,	9 25
F. A. Howard, Auditor,	1 00
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	\$200 75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

George C. Hubbard, making paths in deep snow,	\$4 31
George W. Mansfield, " "	2 00
Fred S. Smith, " "	2 70
James M. Comstock, " "	1 50
Mason Guillow, " "	2 00
Elbridge Smith, work on road and bridge,	19 29
Alpheus Chapin, laying bank wall side of road,	10 00
E. D. Banks, work on highway,	18 95
Harvey Miller, " "	2 91
C. L. Mansfield, " "	17 66
J. Q. Pickering, " "	2 25
Daniel Wright, work on highway and cash paid,	23 93
Henry Bingham, for railing poles,	7 45

L. W. Wilder, work on road,	\$11 46
George Bates, “	9 82
A. J. Heath, “	1 35
Ora D. Bridge,	17 48
C. B. Hayward, work on highway,	4 80
W. S. Mansfield, “	3 30
D. W. Bill, “	3 71
W. A. Wilder, working non-resident highway	
taxes and lumber,	20 92
W. B. Adams, lumber,	11 27
S. W. Dart, lumber,	13 00
E. A. Howard, plank,	10 09
George W. Newman, plank and lumber,	31 44
J. A. Smith, powder and fuse,	1 97
A. D. Hammond, powder and fuse,	2 34
E. R. Carpenter, blacksmith's bill,	2 86
E. Smith, labor on highway,	1 25
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	\$262 01

NEW ROAD.

C. W. Rawson, land damages (tendered)	\$41 00
S. L. and M. Kingsbury, land damages (tendered)	26 00
C. F. French and Geo. E. Carter, building part,	80 00
J. E. White, “	82 71
C. L. Mansfield and W. L. Isham, “	310 25
E. D. Banks, putting up railing,	4 05
Thomas Berry, “	4 05
S. C. Gates, “	5 25
E. A. Howard, railing poles,	21 83
W. B. Adams, plank,	7 46
H. H. Carter, labor and lumber and cash paid for	
labor,	13 50
Spencer & Co., cwt. nails,	3 50
Milton Stearns, labor,	75
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	\$600 35

ENGINE HOUSE.

J. Q. Pickering and J. J. Isham, labor and lumber,	\$126 40
J. Q. Pickering, building stairs and painting,	7 88
F. A. Howard, eave spout and lock,	1 50
Davis & Wright, stove and pipe,	10 30
N. O. Hayward, lumber,	6 15
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	\$152 23

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid L. Shaffner, foreman, pay roll,	\$90 50
S. S. Wilkinson, repairing hose and freight,	4 00
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	\$94 50

BUILDING RESERVOIR,

Paid G. B. Rawson, deed of spring,	\$10 00
A. Chapin, “	10 00
H. W. Howard, digging reservoir and ditch,	89 50
G. B. Rawson, labor and cash paid for labor,	84 08
Allen Hayward, labor,	17 50
Alpheus Chapin, digging and stoning spring,	9 25
Humphrey Machine Co., pipe and labor,	13 50
Knowlton & Stone, lead pipe,	79 34
Davis & Wright, pipe and fixtures to spring,	11 14
Moses Ellis, fountain casting,	55 85
G. B. Rawson, cash paid for labor,	20 31
J. A. Smith, nails,	45
A. D. Hammond, bolts and nails,	1 97
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	\$402 89

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid F. E. Johnson, medical aid to Ida Pratt and child,	\$9 50
F. A. Howard, cash paid for keeping tramp,	75
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	\$10 25

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Joseph M. Chapin's estate for aid to Oliver C. Beckwith and Mrs. Orinda Metcalf, from Feb. 28, 1883, to Feb. 27, 1884; fifty-two weeks, at \$2 per week,	104 00
Mrs. Ellen Mason, aid furnished to Mrs. James Davis from Oct. 15, 1833, to Feb. 26, 1884, nineteen weeks,	19 00
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	\$123 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Geo. H. McCoy, undertaker,	\$17 25
S. L. Kingsbury, borrowed money and interest,	201 00
Sentinel Printing Co., 250 copies town reports,	17 50
K. D. Webster, reporting fifteen births and eleven deaths,	6 50
F. E. Johnson, reporting four births and four deaths,	2 00
M. Perkins, reporting one birth and two deaths,	75
I. A. Loveland, reporting three births and six deaths,	2 25
L. W. F. Mark, recording and returning to Secretary of State twenty-two marriages, forty-seven births, thirty-nine deaths for 1882 and 1883,	23 50
W. H. Porter, returning one death,	25
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
W. H. Spalter, stationery,	3 18
State tax,	696 00
County tax,	415 42
C. W. Rawson, deed of land,	24 40
F. A. Howard, making deeds and recording same,	2 00
Five Cents Savings Bank, money borrowed and interest,	605 90

Paid J. F. Wallace, damage to horse on Bingham hill,	\$17 50
W. S. Mansfield, repairing scraper.	50
Aldrich & Son, fire insurance bill,	5 00
O. J. Willson, cash for bounties on thirteen woodchucks, ten cents each,	1 30
J. A. Smith, oil for town hall,	15
A. D. Hammond, for check lists,	1 45
E. A. Howard, services as policeman for 1883,	50
S. L. Kingsbury, collector for 1883,	22 50
S. L. Kingsbury, for non-resident highway tax receipts,	11 89
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	\$2,084 59

RECAPITULATION.

ORDERS ISSUED.

Paid school districts,	\$1,148 19
Town officers for 1882,	200 75
for highways and bridges,	262 01
for new road,	600 35
for engine house,	152 23
for fire department,	94 50
for reservoirs,	402 89
for town paupers,	10 25
for county paupers,	123 00
Miscellaneous,	2,084 59
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	\$5,078 76

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1ST, 1884.

Estimated amount due town officers,	\$200 00
Estimated cost to print town reports,	15 00
Estimated amount due on outstanding notes,	204 00
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	\$419 00

ASSETS.

Due from county for support of county paupers,	\$39 28
Taxes in hands of collector for 1883,	35 59
Money in treasury March, 1st 1884,	236 83
Bounties on thirteen woodchucks,	1 30

 \$313 00

Estimated indebtedness of the town,	\$106 00
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

OSCAR J. WILLSON,
ELMER D. BANKS,
FRANCIS A. HOWARD.

Selectmen of Gilsun.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

1883.		
March 1.	Money in treasury.	\$901 44
" 13.	Received of committee on town hall,	25 59
" 13.	Received of committee on Centennial cemetery,	7 00
April 2.	Received of S. W. Dart, collector for 1878,	7 12
" 13.	Received of M. Guillow, money overdrawn for highway,	4 49
" 14.	Received of Selectmen, money from county for the support of Oliver Beckwith and Mrs. Metcalf,	44 86
" 20.	Received of George B. Rawson,	10 00
May 28.	Received of Selectmen borrowed of S. L. Kingsbury,	200 00
Aug. 2.	Received of Selectmen bounty from state,	4 10
Oct. 19.	Received of Selectmen money borrowed of George W. Newman,	50 00
" 29.	Received of Selectmen money borrowed of I. A. Loveland,	150 00
Nov. 3.	Received of Selectmen money from county for the support of Oliver Beckwith and Mrs. Metcalf,	56 00
" 3.	Received of Selectmen money borrowed of Five Cents Savings Bank,	600 00

1884.	Jan. 3.	Received of Selectmen savings bank tax,	\$1,197 68
	" 3.	Received of Selectmen literary fund,	71 91
	" 3.	Received of Selectmen interest from savings bank,	13 18
	"	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, collector for 1883,	1,818 98
	"	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, collector for 1882,	70 92
Feb.	28.	Received of Selectmen for use of engine hall,	2 50
	" 28.	Received of Selectmen money for old plank sold,	10
	" 29.	Received of collector, dog tax for 1883,	40 00
	" 29.	Received of collector, interest for 1883,	4 94
	" 29.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, surveyor for 1883,	8 50
	" 29.	Received of collector, highway taxes for 1882,	24 46
	" 29.	Received of collector, interest on highway taxes for 1882,	1 82
Whole amount received,			\$5.315 59
Paid out by orders of Selectmen in 1883,			5.078 76
Leaving balance in treasury March 1, 1884,			\$236 83
A. D. HAMMOND, <i>Treasurer.</i>			

We, the undersigned, auditors, chosen by the Town of Gilsum to examine and audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, have attended to that duty, and believe said accounts to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. C. HUBBARD,
W. B. ADAMS,
Auditors of Gilsum.

REPORT OF SUPERINT'NG SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TOWN OF GILSUM, 1883.

Your committee submits the following report of the condition, progress and cost of schools in Gilsum, for the year 1883. The annexed table will show the amount of money raised, division, and for what expended, etc:—

	District No. 1.	District No. 2.	District No. 3.	Disls. Nos. 4 & 6.	District No. 5.	District No. 7.	Total.
Amount of money	\$140 60	\$269 79	\$102 05	\$194 70	\$113 27	\$164 11	\$984 52
No. of different scholars during year	24	44	12	23	22	34	159
No. weeks' schooling	18.5	29.2	23.5	26.8	15.8	21.4	135.2
Av. wages of teachers	\$26.26	\$32.00	\$19.00	\$26.67	\$26.00	\$28.41	
Cost per scholar	\$5.86	\$6.09	\$8.84	\$8.44	\$5.15	\$7.16	
Miscellaneous exp's, including fuel	\$16.06	\$34.43	\$0.50	\$4.25		2½ or 3 per ct.	\$54.24
Raised for permanent repairs	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$20.00	\$65.00		\$150.00
Expended for permanent repairs	\$38.50	\$17.29		\$18.00	\$65.00		\$138.79
Unexpended money		\$1.76		\$2.28			\$4.04
Given in fuel			\$4.00				\$4.00
Av. No. scholars:							
1st term	18	36	8	16.75	21	21	
2d term	19	38	8	13	15	22	
3d term		27	8.07	17		25	
Average attendance:							
1st term	18	35	7.78	16	15	19	
2d term	18	36	7.86	14		21	
3d term		26	7.67	16		23	
No. visits Prud. Com.	1	1		5	2		9
No. visits parents and citizens	40	88	15	53	27	78	301
Roll of Honor for year	6		1		3	3	13
Not absent	6	5	1		3	13	25

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

The summer term was taught by Helen J. Nichols. The scholars made fair progress, but not that advancement they would had more life and interest been imparted.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

The summer term was taught by Nellie M. Atwood, of Alstead. That the district were well pleased with Miss Atwood is manifest by this being her fourth term.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

The summer term was taught by Jennie S. Abbott, of Keene. Miss Abbott has been a member of our State Normal School, and her teaching was both thorough and practical. Ideas were stamped on the youthful minds by the best of all methods, *object teaching*.

DISTRICTS NUMBER FOUR AND SIX.

These districts united. The Summer term was taught in the school house of District N. 4, and taught by Kate A. Brown, of Marlow. We had the pleasure of visiting this school only once, but was then well pleased with its condition.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

Effie Lee Rawson taught the summer term, preserving the same interest and satisfaction that she commanded the previous year.

We are glad that to a certain extent, our suggestions of last year have been adopted.

Districts No. 4 and No. 6 united for the year, and we trust were so well pleased with the experiment, that they will make it a permanent union. We learn that Districts No. 2 and No. 7 have united and are to build a good school house, which is a step in the right direction; but we think portions of other districts might have united with these districts; thus making the district larger and better.

With these passing remarks, we leave the rest to our successor.

F. E. JOHNSON, M. D.,

Superintendent of Schools.

DISTRICT REPORT.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Second term taught by James W. Cuthbert. Although the scholarly qualifications of the teacher were good yet the moral influence was such as to detract from the best good of the scholars and the school would undoubtedly made better progress if better discipline had been exercised.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Nellie M. Atwood. This being her fifth term in this school speaks well of this teacher, and being so thoroughly acquainted with the wants of the school would be able to do the most efficient work with the scholars. Near the close of the term an exhibition was given by the school to get outline maps for the school-room. Although the object was a worthy one yet it is impossible but such things will draw away the minds of the pupils from their studies and to some extent impair the progress of the school.

The Winter term, taught by Miss Cora B. Smith, was the shortest term of the year, yet the closing exercises showed thorough acquaintance with the subjects gone over and treated of principles (rather than facts.) and the application of them. So far as my observation and report inform me, good order was maintained and the duties of the teacher in this as well as in other directions should be reinforced by parental influence, which will build up or destroy any school.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

This school was taught by Miss Jennie S. Abbott who

showed good ability as a teacher, combining the practical with the theoretical. Both Fall and Winter terms showed good progress and discipline.

DISTRICTS NUMBER FOUR AND SIX.

These districts are united in their schooling. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss M. Louisa Perkins. The Fall term was kept in District No. 6, and the examination showed good work done. The Winter term was taught in District No. 4, and the examination did not show that progress which it ought. Great thoroughness and more energy would have accomplished more for this term. The theory is good but the practical is better.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

This school was taught by Miss Emma I. Bingham, first term. Miss Bingham is a teacher of experience and the school showed good progress at the close. Second term was taught by Miss Helen J. Nichols. The school would have undoubtedly made a better showing if a little more energy and life had been put into the work. Decision in government with vivacity in the recitations would have done a great deal for this school.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

The same teacher presided here both Fall and Winter terms,—Miss Effie Lee Rawson, who won the respect and esteem of the scholars and gave general satisfaction in the district as heretofore. The school appeared well and showed good progress made each term.

GENERAL REMARKS.

This town contributes liberally for the support of its schools. Nearly one thousand dollars expended annually, or about two-fifths of the entire town tax, and in considering

this matter, it belongs to us to ask : “ Is it expended well, and according as the law requires ? ” In answering the first part of this question, I should say that it is not in all cases. Take District No. 6, for instance, with only one or two scholars, and drawing \$85.52 school money ; is this economy ? Although this year, this and No. 4 have united and thus improved the expenditure, still there are further changes in other districts that might be advantageous to secure the best results ; in fact the town system should be adopted. In answer to the last part of this question, I will only state that in three districts, the teachers have received their pay before returning their records as required by law, and receiving a certificate to that effect.

As the reports to town and state are compiled from the several registers, *it is* of importance that the prudential committees see that it is carried out and not as in case of No. 7, who, refusing to give the amount, made answer that the law don't amount to much, etc. To illustrate this point will he explain where the balance of that district money has gone to, after paying expenses, according to his statement in said register ? Prudential committees cannot be too careful in seeing that the registers are *correctly* filled out. The present year, not one as returned to me would agree with the town records, in the expenditure of money ; but don't write in a sufficient amount in miscellaneous expenses to make accounts balance, as one committee did, without the items. One other thing your attention is called to, is paying teachers wages for holidays that are not taught. As the law now is, five days constitute a week, and four weeks a month of actual school sessions. Some committees have disregarded this thing while others have not. Another question is : “ Do the several committees exercise that care in the hiring of teachers that they would in matters of their own business ? ” Nothing can compensate for the loss of a good teacher. We have a particular piece of work to do ; do we get any but the most experienced workman to do it, for us ? Well, if we are so careful about these things, how much more

should we be in selecting those who in instruct the rising generation. In order to have the best schools, the parents should take an active interest in what their children are doing, and encourage them on by example and precept and visiting the schools often. It is a noticeable fact that where such interest is manifested there is more progress and greater excellence. "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined," and if habits of industry, good morals, perseverance, application of knowledge to practical things are taught, you will see a most gratifying result. Another point is, to keep a good teacher in the *same* school more than one term. They then know the wants and capabilities of all the scholars, and can accomplish more in a given time than is possible for a new to do. Our teachers should be philosophers as well as scholars, with quick perceptions, clearness of expression, and practical in all things, able to illustrate principles by showing their application. Good moral training should enter into the duties of every teacher, for "Knowledge is Power," for evil as well as for good, and we should be particular that it is for good. Prudential committees should visit their schools often, that they may acquaint themselves with the work that is being done and aid the teacher in every way he can. Another very important element is to have your children attend regularly. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and how can a scholar who goes only every other day or so make any advancement? You will always know where to find *him*: at the foot of his class. Habits of indolence and shiftlessness are thus formed, and will be likely to follow him through life. Do well what you do. Things done at the halves are never done right. In conclusion, our schools are what we make them; encourage and build up instead of pulling down by your fault-finding with the teacher or school house or his or her methods, etc., etc., for "There's no place like home," in its influence in the common school.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL W. DART,

Superintendent of Schools.

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